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TO AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: SENV, US, CA

SUBJECT: PROPOSED IJC GROUNDWATER SURVEY

1. REQUEST EMBASSY PASS TO EXTAF (BRADY) FOR COMMENT/CONCURRENCE THE FOLLOWING TEXT OF PROPOSED US REPLY TO FEBRUARY 10 INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION LETTER PROPOSING A SURVEY OF EXISTING OR POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER PROBLEMS ALONG THE BOUNDARY:

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR MR. BULLARD: I REFER TO YOUR LETTER OF FEBRUARY 10 CALLING TO THE ATTENTION OF GOVERNMENTS THE COMMISSION'S BELIEF THAT A SURVEY SHOULD BE TAKEN NOW TO DETERMINE WHERE POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER PROBLEMS EXIST OR MAY ARISE ALONG THE BOUNDARY IN ORDER THAT EFFECTIVE PLANNING  
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OF THE USE OF THIS SHARED RESOURCE MAY BE BASED ON ADEQUATE

INFORMATION.

3. UPON RECEIPT OF THE COMMISSION'S LETTER, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE SOLICITED THE VIEWS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR AND THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY AS TO THE UTILITY OF SUCH A STUDY. THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR HAS INFORMED US THAT IN 1970 THE US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY SPONSORED A STUDY ENTITLED "SURVEY OF INTERSTATE AND INTER-

NATIONAL AQUIFER PROBLEMS," A COPY OF WHICH IS ENCLOSED. THIS STUDY CITED FIVE POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER PROBLEM AREAS ALONG THE BOUNDARY WHICH WERE EXPECTED TO PROVE SIGNIFICANT BY 1976. A SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION INDICATED THAT WHILE THESE POTENTIAL PROBLEM AREAS STILL EXIST, NONE HAVE DEVELOPED AS PREDICTED IN THE 1970 STUDY.

4. FOR ITS PART, THE EPA, FOLLOWING CONTACTS WITH ITS REGIONAL AND RESEARCH OFFICES, CONCLUDES THAT THERE IS NO URGENT NEED FOR A GROUNDWATER STUDY AT THE MOMENT. FURTHER, IT IS EPA'S VIEW THAT WHILE SUCH A SURVEY MIGHT BE MARGINALLY USEFUL, THERE WOULD BE DIFFICULTY IN PROVIDING SUPPORT FOR SUCH A STUDY IN VIEW OF HIGHER PRIORITY DEMANDS ON THE EPA'S PERSONNEL AND FINANCIAL RESOURCES. (COPIES OF TWO EPA STUDIES BEARING ON GROUNDWATER ARE ALSO ENCLOSED.)

5. IN VIEW OF THESE COMMENTS, THE USG DOES NOT THINK IT USEFUL TO INITIATE A BROAD SURVEY OF BOUNDARY GROUNDWATER RESOURCES AT THIS TIME.

6. A LETTER EXPRESSING A SIMILAR CONCLUSION IS BEING FORWARDED TO THE COMMISSION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. SINCERELY, RICHARD D. VINE, DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR CANADIAN AFFAIRS. END TEXT.  
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